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SUBJECT: FURTHER NAC CONSULTATIONS ON NON-CIRCUMVENTION

1. SINCE THE JULY 12 MEETING OF AMBASSADORS WARNKE AND EARLE WITH THE COUNCIL ON SALT, WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL LOW-KEY INQUIRIES FROM ALLIES AS TO WHETHER THE US MIGHT PROPOSE ANOTHER NAC CONSULTATION ON NON-CIRCUMVENTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE HAVE DETECTED NO PRESSURE HERE TO HOLD ANOTHER SUCH CONSULTATION SOON, BUT RATHER A MILD INTEREST IN WHAT THE SCHEDULE MIGHT BE IN LIGHT OF AUGUST VACATION PLANS AND THE NEED FOR GOVERNMENTS TO BE PREPARED TO COMMENT SHOULD THE US WISH TO DISCUSS NON-CIRCUMVENTION AGAIN WITH THE ALLIES IN COMING WEEKS. WE HAVE RESPONDED THAT WE DID NOT KNOW WHEN THE NEXT SALT CONSULTATION WOULD TAKE PLACE, BUT NOTED THE URGENCY AMBASSADOR WARNKE ATTACHED TO EARLY TABLING OF NON-CIRCUMVENTION LANGUAGE ALONG THE LINES DISCUSSED IN THE COUNCIL.

2. SHOULD WASHINGTON PLAN TO TABLE NON-CIRCUMVENTION LANGUAGE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WE ASSUME WASHINGTON WOULD WISH  
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TO HOLD ANOTHER CONSULTATION AT NATO SOON. IF SO, WE SHOULD ALERT THE ALLIES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THE DATE WE PROPOSE FOR NAC CONSULTATIONS. FURTHERMORE, WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO CONSIDER TELLING THE ALLIES IN ADVANCE THAT FOLLOWING ANOTHER COUNCIL REVIEW, WHICH WOULD BE THE THIRD ON THIS ISSUE, THE US EXPECTS TO REACH A DECISION ON NON-CIRCUMVENTION LANGUAGE TO PRESENT TO THE OTHER SIDE.

3. SOME PERMREPS HAVE ALREADY LEFT BRUSSELS AND OTHERS ARE DEPARTING NEXT WEEK; AND WE ASSUME THE HOLIDAY EXODUS IS ALSO BEGINNING IN CAPITALS. THUS, TO ENSURE A MEANINGFUL CONSULTATION, AND TO DEFUSE ANY POSSIBLE CRITICISM BY THE NAC OF NOT HAVING BEEN ADEQUATELY FORWARDED, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD ALERT THE ALLIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF WE WANT TO CONSULT THEM IN THE NEAR FUTURE. BENNETT

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